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1. SUMMARY: MAJOR PAPERS PROMINENTLY PLAYED CONGRESSMAN FORD'S SELECTION AS VICE PRESIDENT BY NIXON AND ALL EDITORIAL COMMENT WAS FAVORABLE. ONE PAPER EXPRESSED HOPE FORD WOULD VISIT TAIWAN. END SUMMARY.
2. ALL PAPERS PROMINENTLY PLAYED CONGRESSMAN FORD'S SELECTION FOR VICE PRESIDENT WITH NEWS STORIES, BACKGROUNDERS AND PHOTOS. OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS SAID WHILE AGNEW'S RESIGNATION WHILE REGRETTABLE IT MANIFESTED VIABILITY OF AMERICAN SPIRIT AND SOLID BASE OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY. PAPER HAILED NIXON'S POLITICAL CRAFTMANSHIP IN PICKING FORD AND ASSUMED CONGRESSIONAL CONFIRMATION WAS ASSURED IN INTEREST AMERICAN UNITY.
3. LEADING INDEPENDENT UNITED DAILY NEWS QUOTED LOCATU DIPLOMATIC SOURCES AS SAYING FORD'S CHOICE "VERY APPROPRIATE," ADDING TAIPEI CIRCLES CONSIDERED FORD FRIENDLY TOWARDS ROC. PAPER NOTED THAT FORD HAS MADE NO HARMFUL REMARKS ABOUT ROC IN 25 YEARS AND RECALLED THAT WHEN HE VISITED ROC IN

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1953 HE LEFT IMPRESSION OF BEING "A GENTLEMAN."

4. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS SAID FORD WILL TRAVEL
MORE THAN AGNEW DID RECENTLY, ROC WILL NO DOUBT INVITE
HIM TO TAIWAN AND "WE HOPE HE WILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO
ACCEPT."
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